



2003 pheasant stamp design by Robert Metropulos, Jr.

2003 Wisconsin Public  
Hunting Grounds with

# Special Pheasant Hunting Regulations

**Visit the WDNR website at <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us>**

## Important

- **Blaze orange required:** All hunters (except waterfowl hunters) are required to meet the blaze orange clothing requirements for gun deer hunting (see page 5). This includes:
  - ✓ The regular gun and muzzleloader deer seasons.\*
  - ✓ The 4-day antlerless only gun hunts (Oct. 30–Nov. 2 & Dec. 11–14) in Zone T units.\*
  - ✓ The November 1 one-day youth deer hunt in non-Zone T and CWD units.
  - ✓ The Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) control hunts in the CWD Intensive Harvest Zone and Herd Reduction Zone (See map on page 5).\*
- Portions of the **Bong Recreation Area** may be closed to pheasant hunting during the first two weeks of the pheasant season. Contact the Bong Recreation Area for details. The Bong Recreation Area no longer sells licenses, so hunters should have their licenses and pheasant stamps ahead of time.

\* For a list of units and dates refer to pages 18–29 of the *2003 Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations*.

Pheasant hunting on the properties listed in this pamphlet are subject to one or both of the following rules (except those listed on page 16):

- 2 P.M. close of hunting hours, October 20 through November 3
- Hen/rooster hunting permit and tags required

This pamphlet gives you a summary of Wisconsin's pheasant hunting regulations; it is not a complete set of laws.

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*Dear Pheasant Hunter:*

*Fewer public hunting grounds will be stocked this year with approximately 30,000 game farm pheasants, which is down from about 50,000 in 2002. Stocking efforts combined with good recruitment, and habitat improvement projects funded by pheasant stamp dollars, should provide us with some excellent hunting opportunities to look forward to this fall. However, because the legislature did not approve a fee increase package, our ability to raise and release pheasants has been reduced. In addition, we were also unable to renew many of our annual public hunting leases.*

*This pamphlet includes a description of those Public Hunting Grounds with special regulations and a list of other Public Hunting Grounds where pheasants will be released. Please read this pamphlet and be aware of which public hunting grounds have a 2 p.m. closure and/or allow hen pheasant hunting. Remember, all pheasant hunters within the Pheasant Management Zone are required to have a pheasant stamp.*

*As in the past, all pheasant hunters will need to wear at least 50% blaze orange clothing above the waist during the regular gun and muzzleloader deer seasons from November 22 through December 10 statewide. Pheasant hunters must also follow the blaze orange requirement during the November 1 Youth Deer Hunt, the special deer hunt October 30–November 2 in Zone T DMUs, and additionally during December 11–15 (only Zone T DMUs south of Hwy. 8). Also, be aware of special seasons within the Chronic Wasting Disease Management Zones (CWD DMUs 54B, 70, 70A, 70B, 70E, 70G, 71, 73B, 73E, 75A, 75C, 75D, 76, 76 M and 77A). In the Intensive Harvest Zone, blaze orange is required from October 30–January 3. In the CWD Herd Reduction Zone, blaze orange is required from October 30–November 2 and November 22–January 3.*

*Before, during and after the hunt, promote safe and ethical hunting among your friends, relatives and hunting partners. The future of hunting depends upon hunters. Have a safe and enjoyable hunt.*

*Keith Warnke  
Upland Wildlife Ecologist*

## **Pheasant Management Zone**

**Note:** Portions of Eau Claire and Pepin Counties are now included in the pheasant management zone. See page 23 of the 2003 Wisconsin Small Game & General Hunting Regulations for a map of the pheasant management zone.

## **Pheasant Stamp Requirement**

A pheasant stamp (\$7.25 resident and nonresident) is required to hunt pheasants in the Pheasant Management Zone, in addition to a small game or sports license. **Note:** Holders of conservation patron licenses, qualified U.S. armed forces members, senior citizen recreation card holders, and first-year Wisconsin resident hunter safety course graduates are exempt from the stamp requirement. Pheasant stamp funds are earmarked for wild pheasant restoration projects such as wild pheasant releases and habitat development.

## **Season Dates and Hunting Hours**

**Season Dates:** October 18 (noon)–December 31, 2003\*

**Bag Limits:** October 18–19; 1 cock daily; possession limit 2. Remainder of season: 2 cocks daily; possession limit 4.

**Hunting Hours:** Opening Day for ALL areas: 12:00 noon to close of normal hunting hours 20 minutes after sunset.\*\* Remainder of season follows normal small game hunting hours except for 2:00 P.M. Closure Areas (see page 3). From October 20–November 3, legal hunting closes at 2:00 P.M. on these properties; normal hunting hours begin on November 3 and continue until the season ends on December 31, 2003.

\* Firearm hunting for pheasants is prohibited on November 21, the day before the nine-day gun deer season, except in the CWD Intensive Harvest Zone.

\*\* See 2003 Wisconsin Small Game and General Hunting Regulations (pgs. 34–37) for small game hunting hours table.

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## Why the 2:00 P.M. Pheasant Hunting Closure?

Closing a hunting area at 2:00 P.M. allows the DNR to release pheasants when they are not subject to hunting pressure. This improves stocking and distribution techniques and gives the birds more time to orient to their new surroundings. This helps provide a higher quality hunt.

## 2:00 P.M. Pheasant Hunting Closure Areas

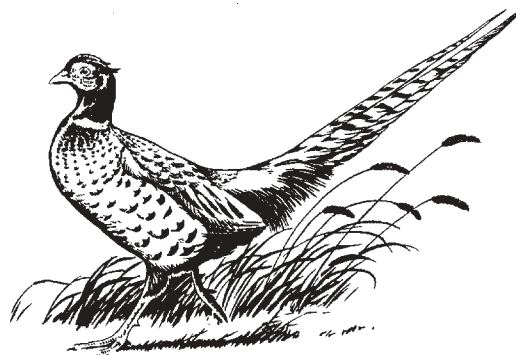
The boundaries of the following wildlife properties are posted with signs stating the 2:00 P.M. daily pheasant hunting closure time from October 20 (third day of the season)–November 3. Always check the type of signs posted; the boundaries of some areas contain private land and permission of the landowner is required before hunting.

| Name   | Counties                 |
|--|--------------------------|
| ■ Allenton Wildlife Area                               | Washington               |
| ■ Brooklyn Wildlife Area                               | Dane and Green           |
| ■ C.D. "Buzz" Besadny Fish and Wildlife Area           | Kewaunee                 |
| ■ Dunnville Wildlife Area                              | Dunn                     |
| ■ Eldorado Marsh Wildlife Area                         | Fond Du Lac              |
| ■ Goose Lake Wildlife Area                             | Dane                     |
| ■ Grand River Wildlife Area                            | Green Lake and Marquette |
| ■ Holland Wildlife Area                                | Brown                    |
| ■ Horicon Wildlife Area                                | Dodge                    |
| ■ Jackson Wildlife Area                                | Washington               |
| ■ Killsnake Wildlife Area                              | Calumet and Manitowoc    |
| ■ Mazomanie Unit of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway | Dane                     |
| ■ Mud Lake Wildlife Area                               | Dodge                    |
| ■ New Munster Wildlife Area                            | Kenosha                  |
| ■ Nichols Creek Wildlife Area                          | Sheboygan                |
| ■ Scuppernong  | Waukesha                 |
| ■ Theresa Wildlife Area                                | Dodge and Washington     |
| ■ Tichigan Wildlife Area                               | Racine                   |
| ■ Vernon Wildlife Area                                 | Waukesha                 |
| ■ White River Wildlife Area                            | Green Lake and Marquette |

### SUPPORT ETHICAL RESPONSIBLE HUNTING REPORT VIOLATIONS

**Call 1-800-847-9367**

Toll Free Statewide 24-hour Confidential  
(this is not an information Number.)



## Why Hen Stocking and Hunting?

Stocking and hunting hen pheasants on certain properties increases the effective use of surplus hen chicks produced by the State Game Farm. Most game farm pheasants have been raised in captivity for many generations, and do not survive or reproduce well enough in the wild to justify rearing them for release to bolster natural reproduction.

Raising surplus hens for hunting provides additional pheasant hunting opportunities at less expense than producing more roosters.

Hen hunting properties were selected because they are located outside the wild pheasant management range. It is illegal to shoot hen pheasants anywhere else in Wisconsin, except on licensed game farms. Such shooting would harm Wisconsin's wild pheasant population. Please report all illegal shooting using the toll-free hotline listed on the back of this pamphlet.

## Hen-Rooster Hunting Regulations

Applicable on Hen-Rooster areas only.

- 1) You must complete and submit a DNR application to obtain a pheasant hunting permit and tags BEFORE hunting pheasants on these listed properties. There is no charge and applications can be obtained from any DNR service center or by writing DNR, Box 7924, Madison, WI 53707.
- 2) The permit sticker (labeled "L") at the bottom of the tag package must be separated from the tags and attached to your hunting license before you hunt.
- 3) Ten carcass tags are issued with your permit and this establishes your season bag limit on hen-rooster hunting areas.
- 4) The permit and carcass tags are not transferable or replaceable, even if accidentally lost.
- 5) Immediately upon killing a pheasant, a tag must be attached to the featherless part of the pheasant's leg, between the foot and the knee joint.
- 6) Both sexes must be tagged. This minimizes the temptation to discard one bird for another because of sex, size or condition.
- 7) The daily bag limit on hen-rooster hunting areas is 1 pheasant daily on Oct. 18 and 19 and 2 pheasants daily from Oct. 20 to Dec. 31. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

## Hen-Rooster Hunting Areas

The boundaries of the following areas are posted with signs which state that hunters must obtain a permit and tags before hunting pheasants. Always check the type of signs posted; the boundaries of some areas contain private land and permission of the landowner is required before hunting.

| Name  | County   |
|---|----------|
| ■ Avoca Unit of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway              | Iowa     |
| ■ Boscobel Unit of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway           | Grant    |
| ■ C.D. "Buzz" Besadny Fish and Wildlife Area                    | Kewaunee |
| ■ Kettle Moraine State Forest                                   | Waukesha |
| ■ Kickapoo Valley Reserve                                       | Vernon   |
| ■ Pine River Public Hunting Grounds                             | Richland |
| ■ Scuppernong   | Waukesha |
| ■ Tom Lawin Wildlife Area<br>(formerly Jim Falls Wildlife Area) | Chippewa |
| ■ Vernon Wildlife Area  | Waukesha |

Note: Blackhawk Lake Recreational Area is now a rooster-only property

## Bong State Recreation Area Regulations

The Bong Recreation Area no longer sells licenses, so hunters should have their licenses and pheasant stamps ahead of time. Bong State Recreation Area, located in north central Kenosha County, offers hen-rooster pheasant hunting with the following requirements and rules:

### 1) Daily or annual vehicle admission fee:

|                         |                              |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| resident                | \$5.00 daily, \$20.00 annual |
| resident senior citizen | \$3.00 daily, \$10.00 annual |
| nonresident             | \$7.00 daily, \$30.00 annual |

### 2) Additional pheasant hunting fee: \$3.00 per person per day.

Hunting permit and tags are issued upon payment of fees.

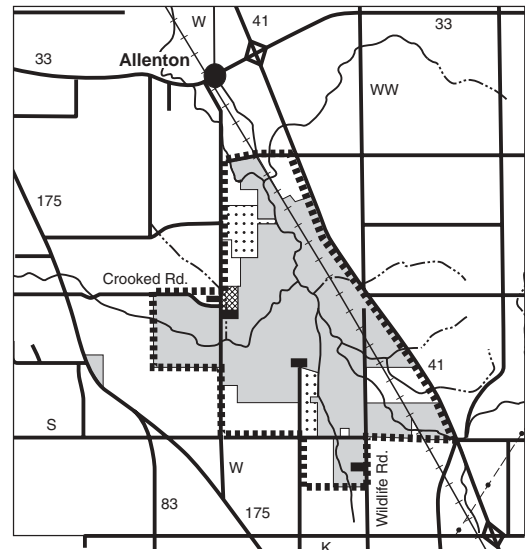
### 3) Pheasant hunting hours:

- October 18 — Noon to 6:30 P.M.
- October 19–December 31 — 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

### 4) Daily bag—one, either sex for the first 2 days; two, either sex, thereafter.

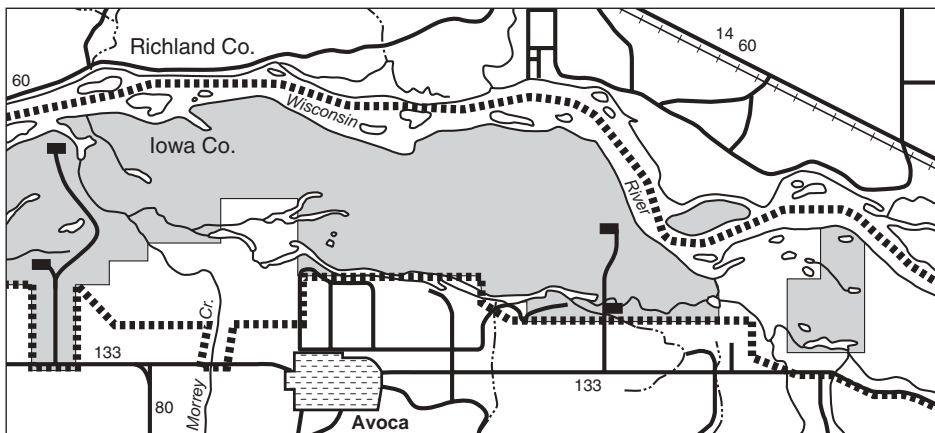
For details and/or a reservation card, write or call: Bong State Recreation Area, 26313 Burlington Road, Kansasville, WI 53139. Telephone (262) 878-5600 or 652-0377. Note: There is an additional \$3.00 reservation fee.

### 5) Possession—one (1) the first day and double the daily bag limit thereafter.



**Allenton Wildlife Area**  
Washington County  
Pheasant stamp required

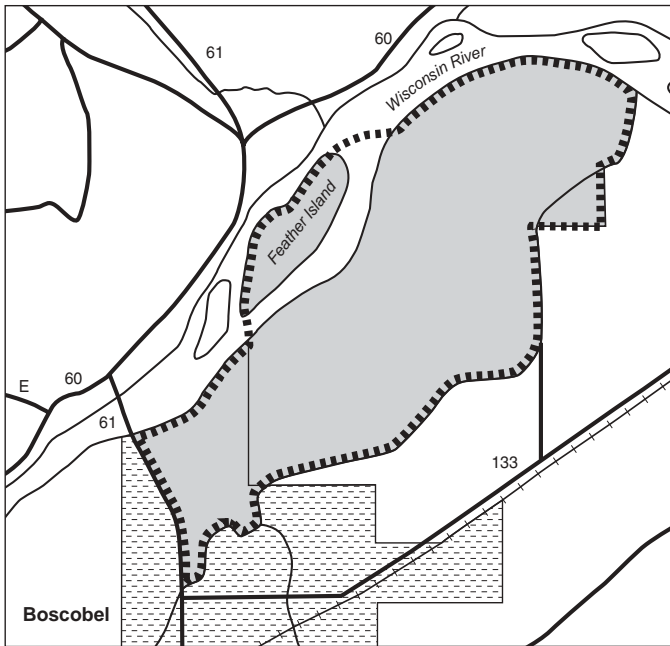
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**Avoca Unit: Lower Wisconsin State Riverway**  
Iowa County

(Permit)





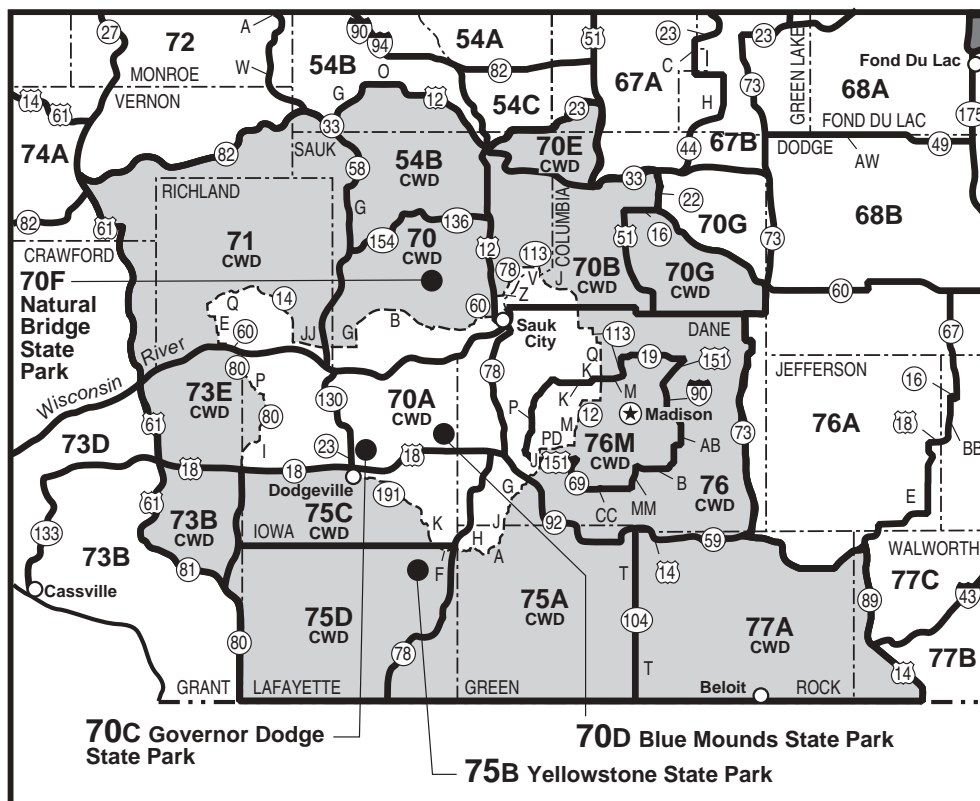
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**Lower Wisconsin State Riverway**  
 Grant County

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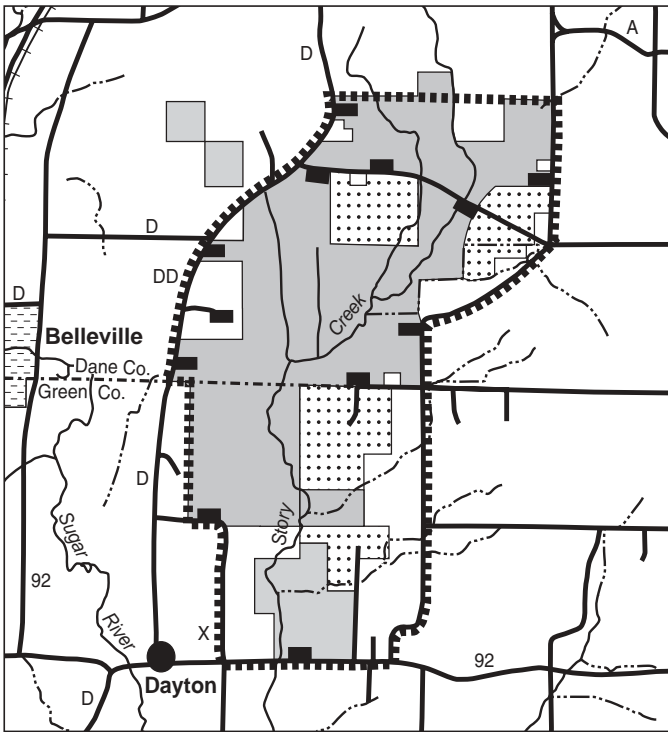
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| ☐ No Hunting (except deer during gun season) | (Permit) Only hen/cock hunting by permit rule applies.                                    |
| ☒ No Hunting at Any Time                     | (Both) Both the 2 p.m. closure rule <b>and</b> the hen/cock hunting by permit rule apply. |
| ▨ Leased or eased for Public Hunting         |   |
| ▩ Municipality                               |   |

## Blaze Orange Clothing Requirements

During the nine-day firearm, T-Zone and muzzleloader deer seasons or CWD control hunts, no person may hunt any game, except waterfowl, unless at least 50% of the person's outer clothing above the waist is colored blaze orange. A hat, if worn, must be at least 50% blaze orange. *Note: Faded or stained blaze orange clothing is unsafe and may not meet law requirements.* Camo-blaze is legal, but is not as visible as solid blaze orange. 100% solid blaze orange is recommended.



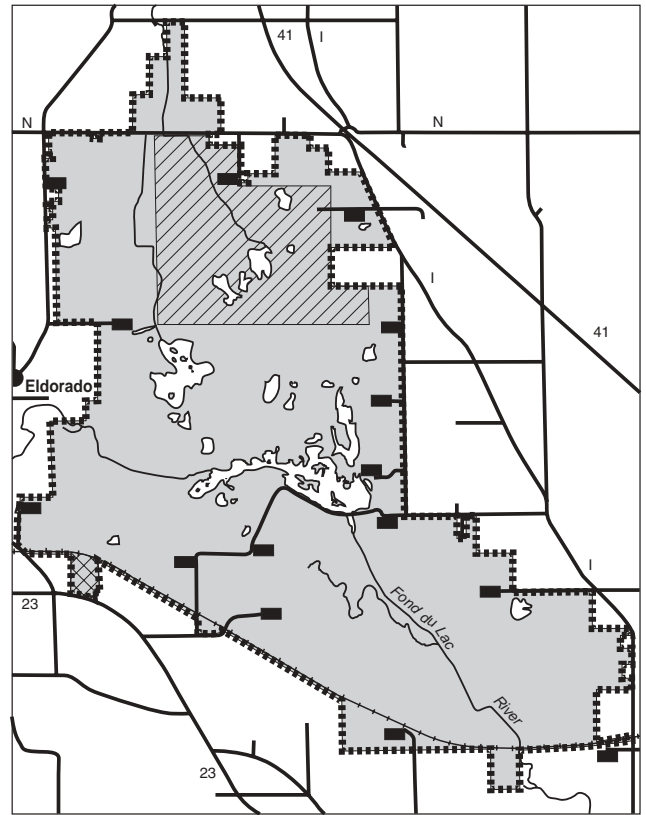
- Intensive Harvest Zone
- Herd Reduction Zone
- County Line
- DMU boundary



### Brooklyn Wildlife Area

Dane and Green Counties  
Pheasant stamp required

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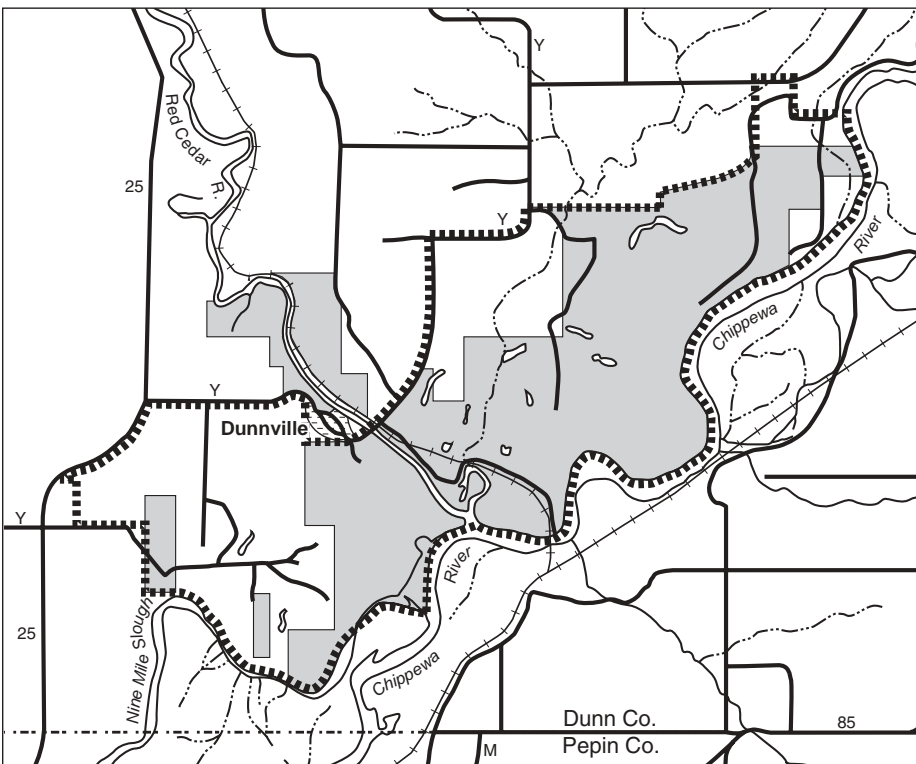


### Eldorado Marsh Wildlife Area

Fond du Lac County

Pheasant stamp required

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### Dunnville Wildlife Area

Dunn County

Pheasant stamp required

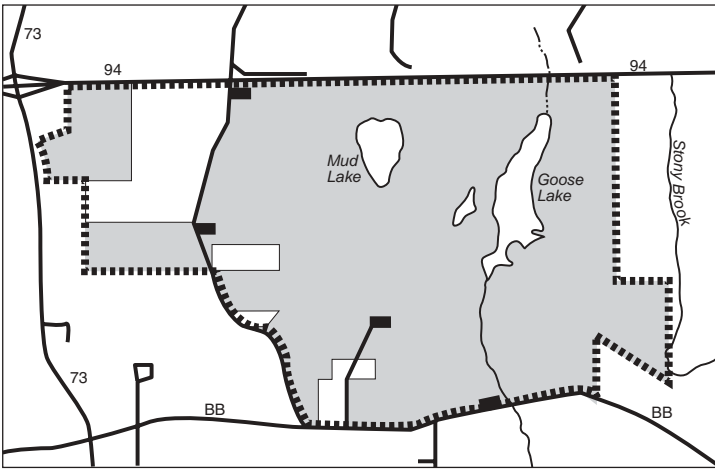
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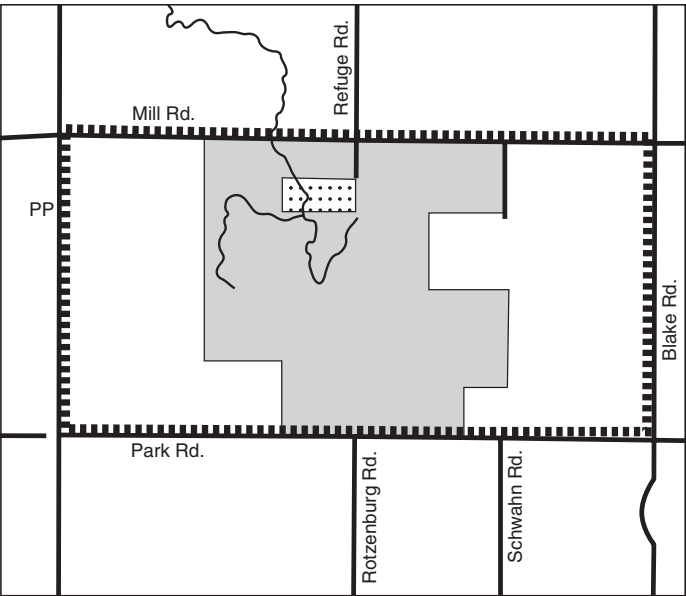
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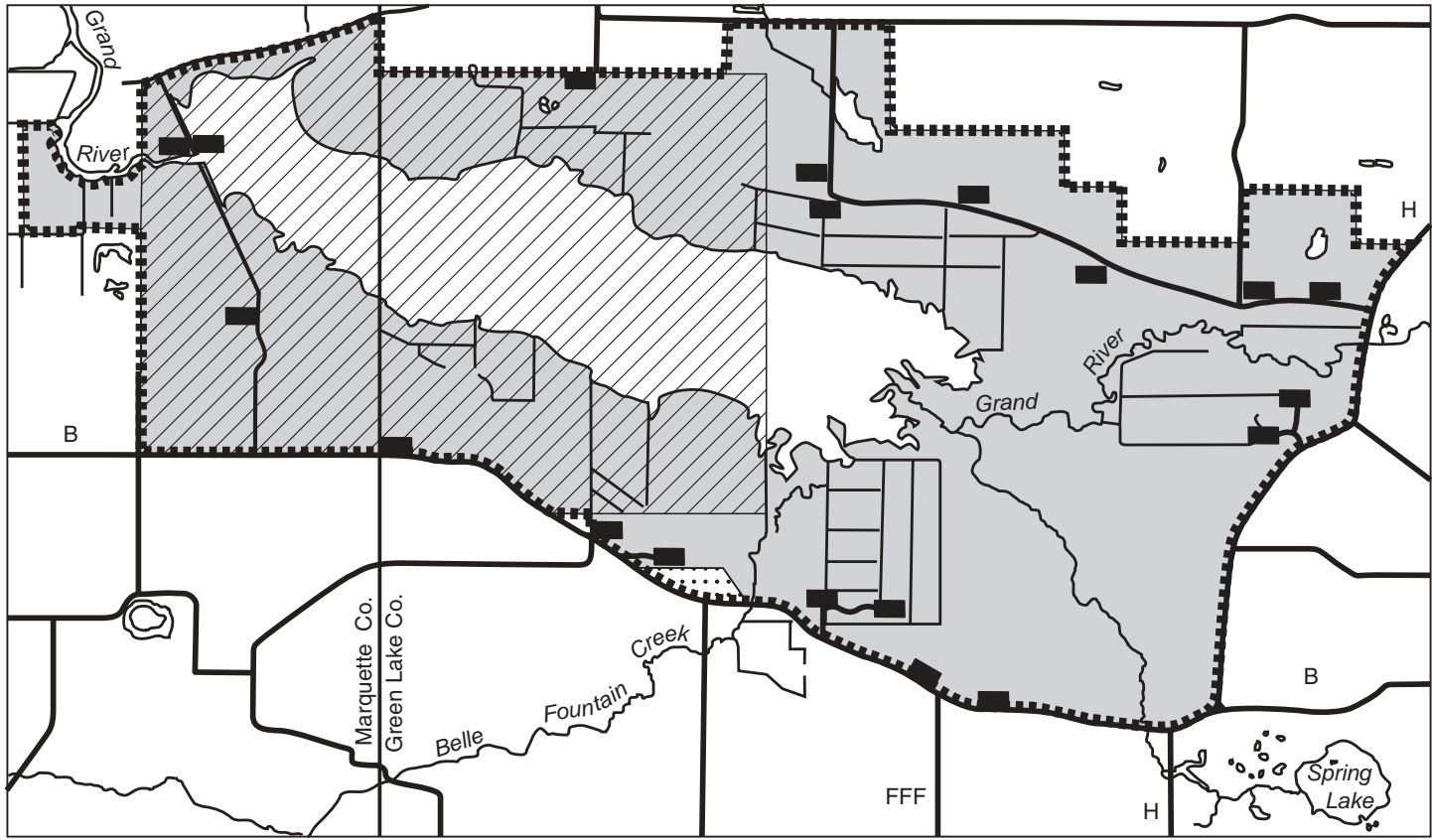
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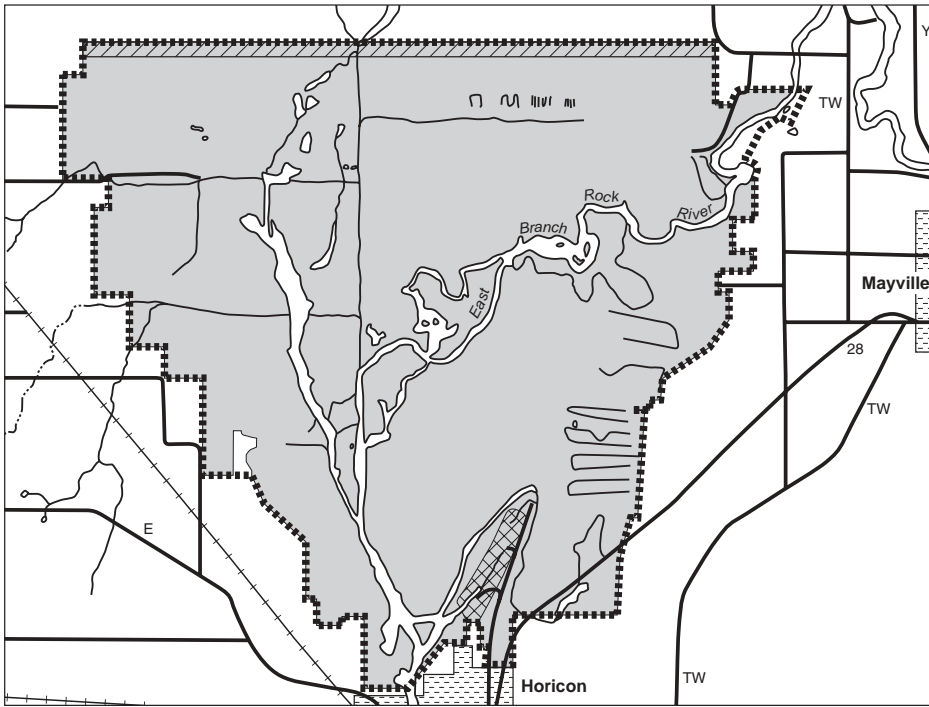
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 Dane County  
*Pheasant stamp required* (2 P.M.)










**Holland Wildlife Area**  
 Brown County  
*Pheasant stamp required* (2 P.M.)



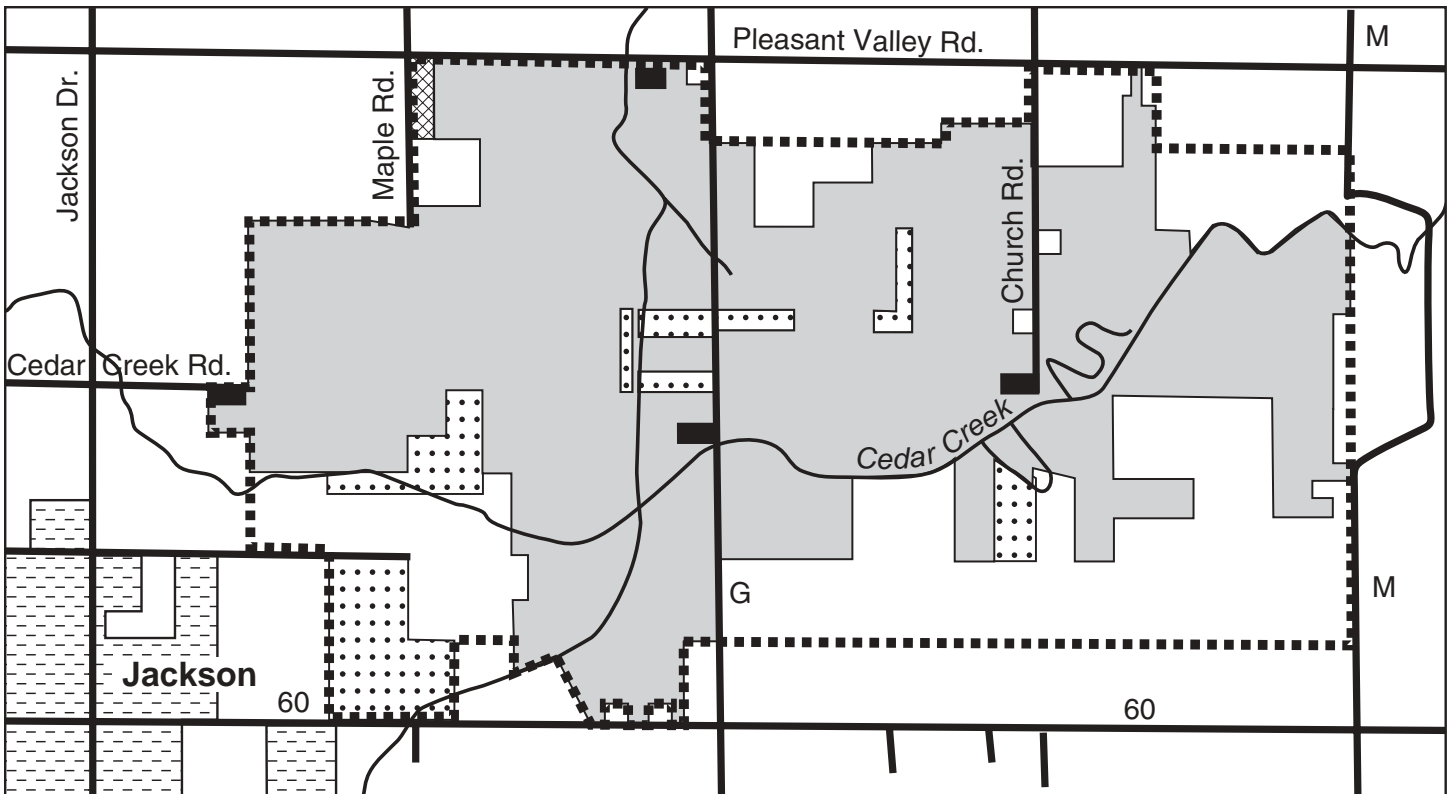
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 Marquette and Green Lake Counties  
*Pheasant stamp required* (2 P.M.)



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|  Municipality                               |   |

**Horicon Wildlife Area**  
Dodge County  
*Pheasant stamp required*

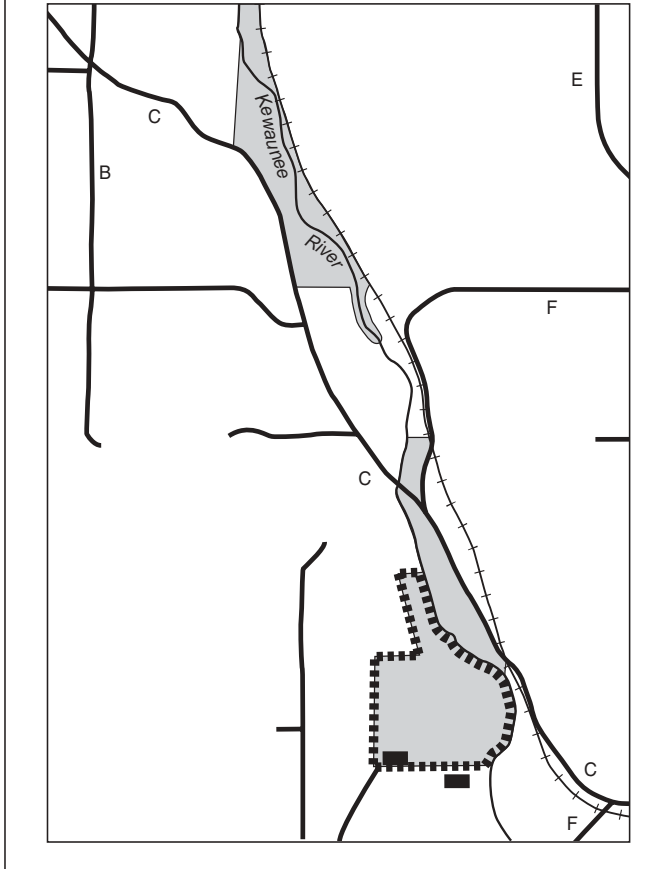
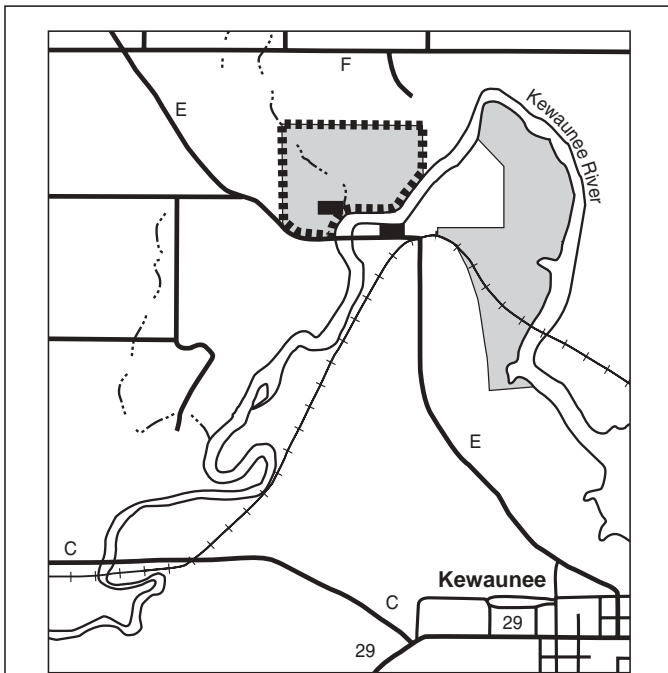
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Washington County  
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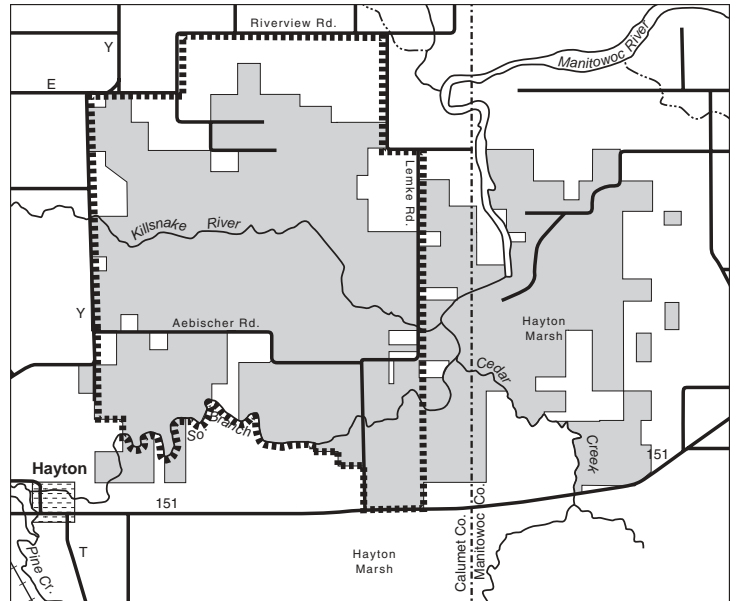
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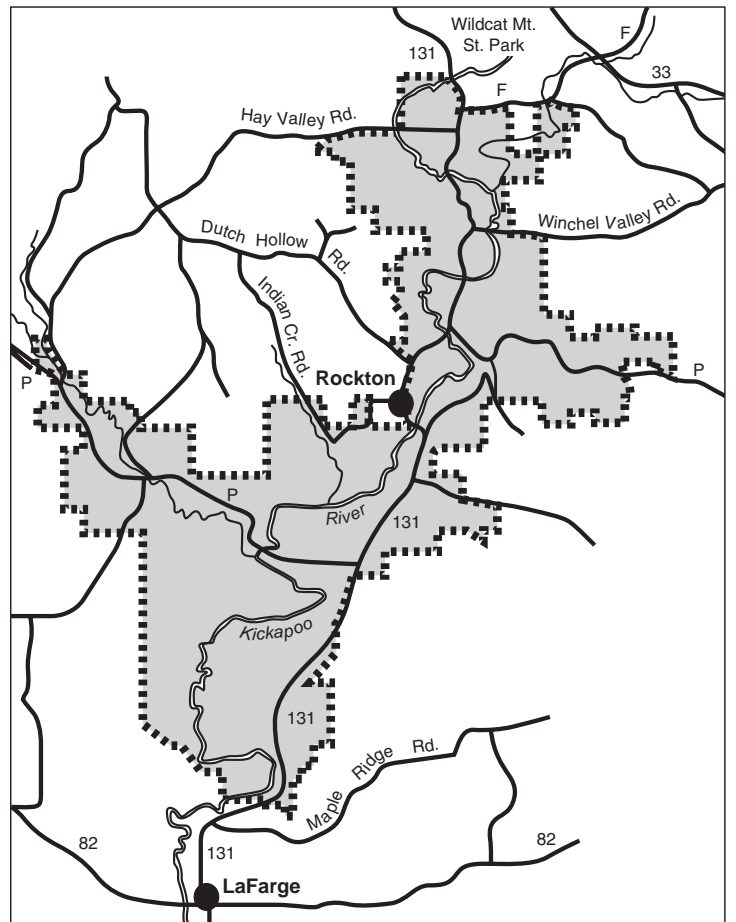
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**C.D. "Buzz" Besadny**  
**Fish and Wildlife Area**  
 Kewaunee County

(Both)



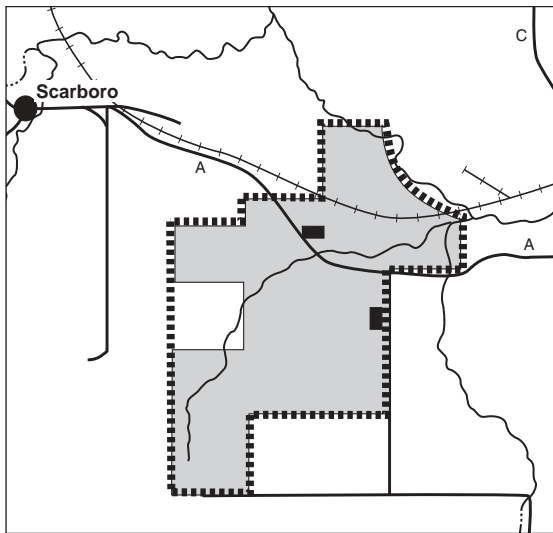
**Killsnake Wildlife Area**  
 Calumet and Manitowoc Counties  
*Pheasant stamp required*

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**Kickapoo Valley Reserve**  
 Vernon County

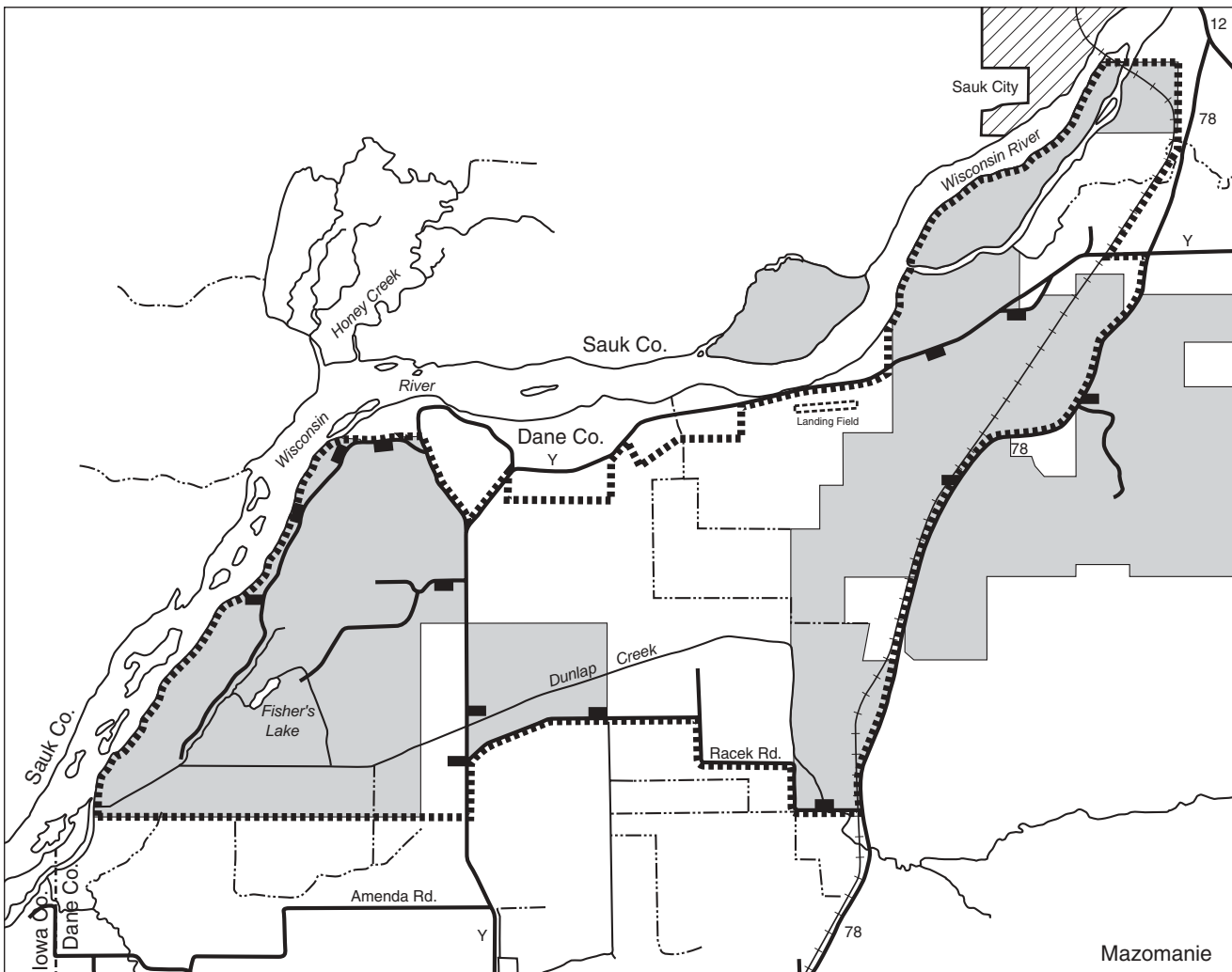
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**Little Scarboro Unit**  
**C.D. "Buzz" Besadny**  
**Fish & Wildlife Area**  
 Kewaunee County

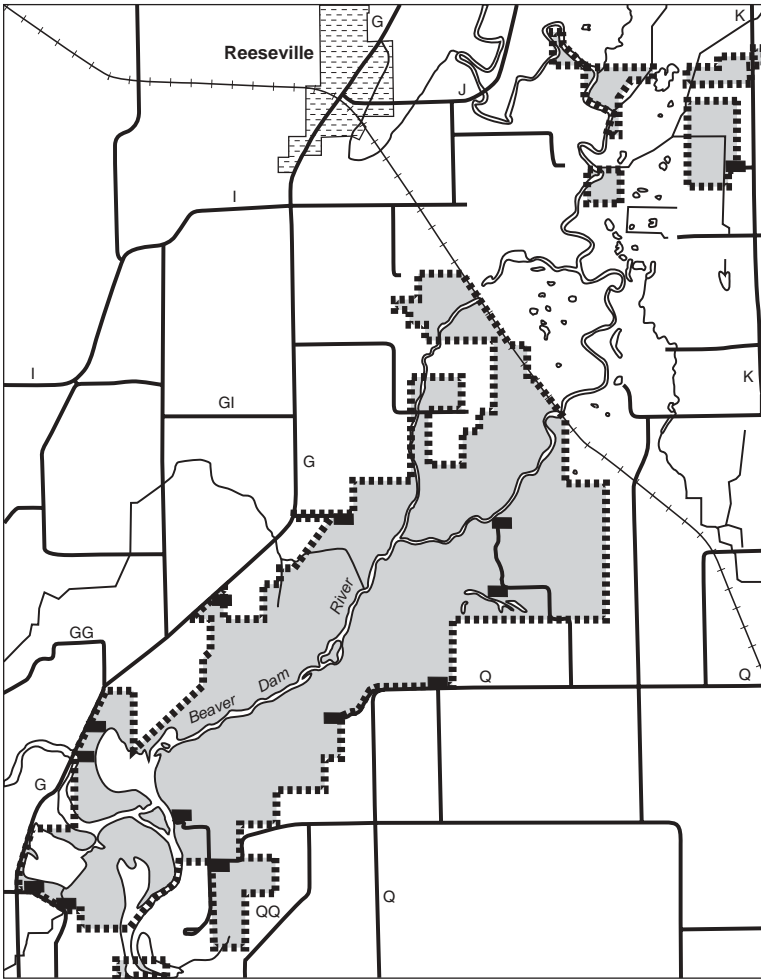
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**Mazomanie Wildlife Area Lower Wisconsin State Riverway**

Dane County  
 Pheasant stamp required

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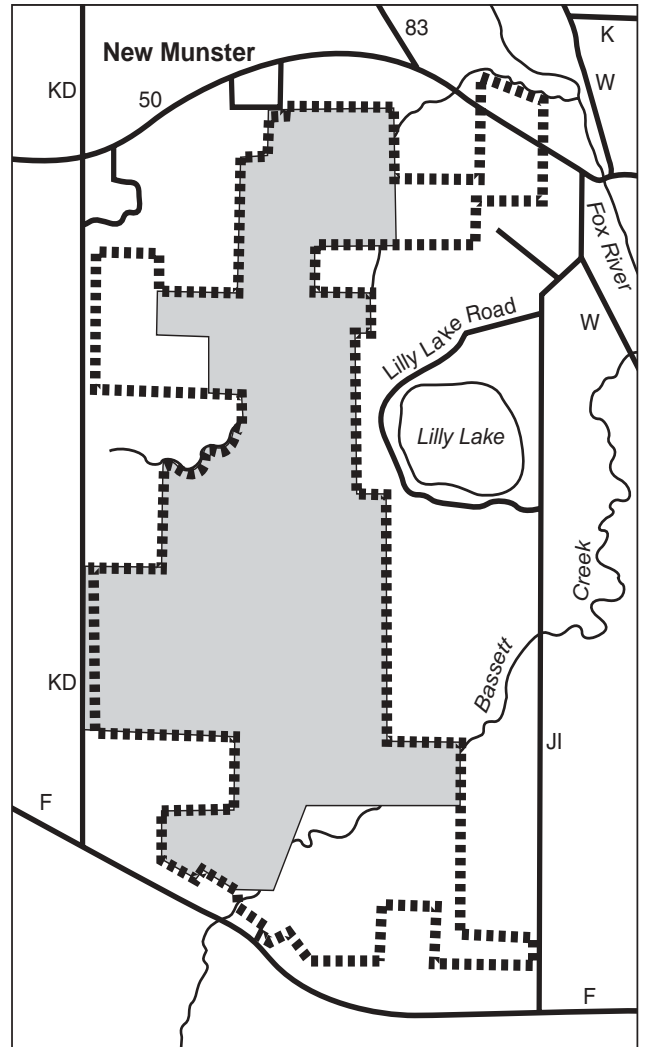


### **Mud Lake Wildlife Area**

Dodge County

*Pheasant stamp required*

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### **New Munster Wildlife Area**

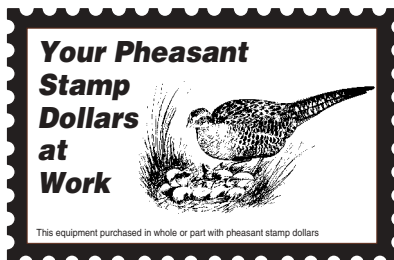
Kenosha County

*Pheasant stamp required*

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## **Your Pheasant Stamp Dollars at Work**

*Private Property*  
Access by permission only



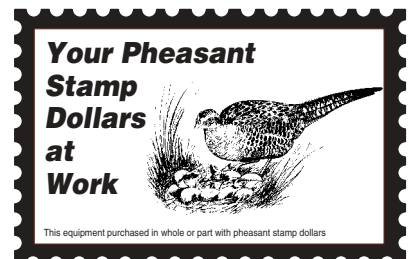
The habitat management at this site was funded in whole or part with pheasant stamp dollars

### **Attention Hunters!**

Look for these signs placed at many locations where pheasant stamp dollars were used to create habitat. Since pheasant stamp dollars can be used on both public and private land, be sure to get permission before entering any private land.

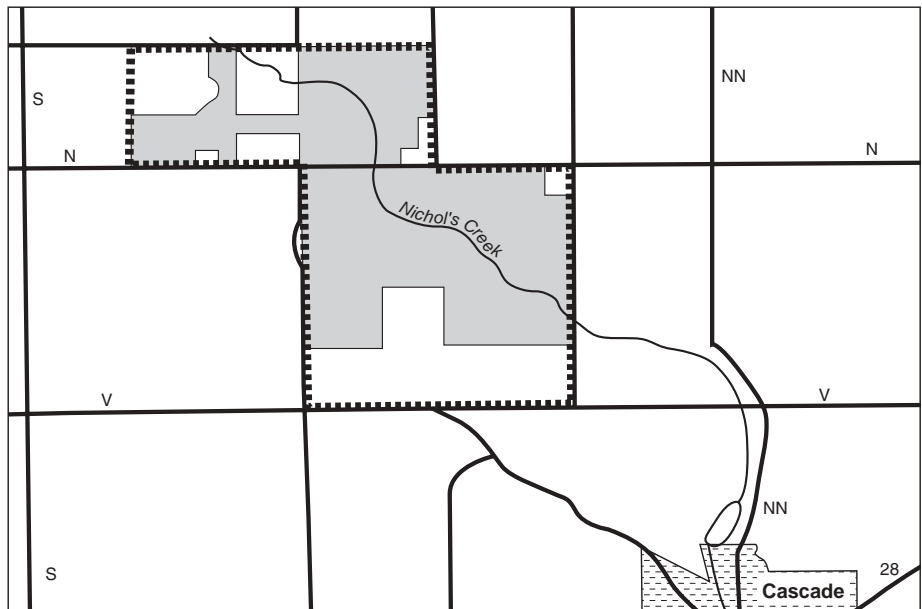
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*Public Property*



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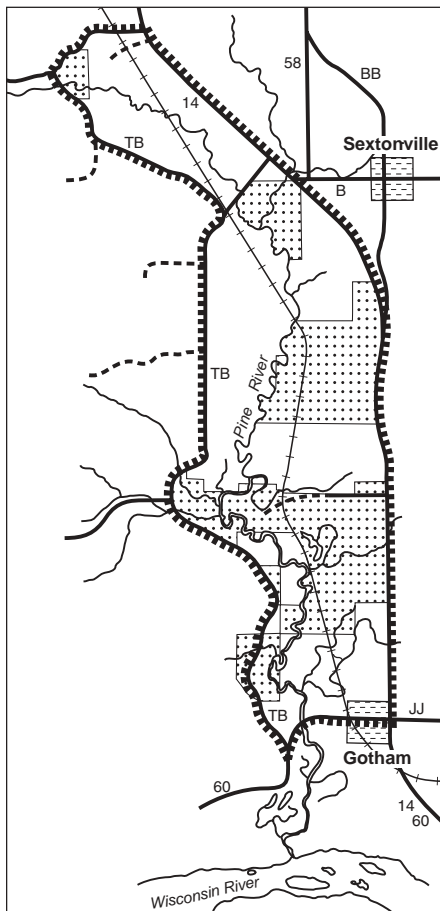
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| ▣ Municipality                               |   |



### Nichol's Creek Wildlife Area

Sheboygan County  
Pheasant stamp required

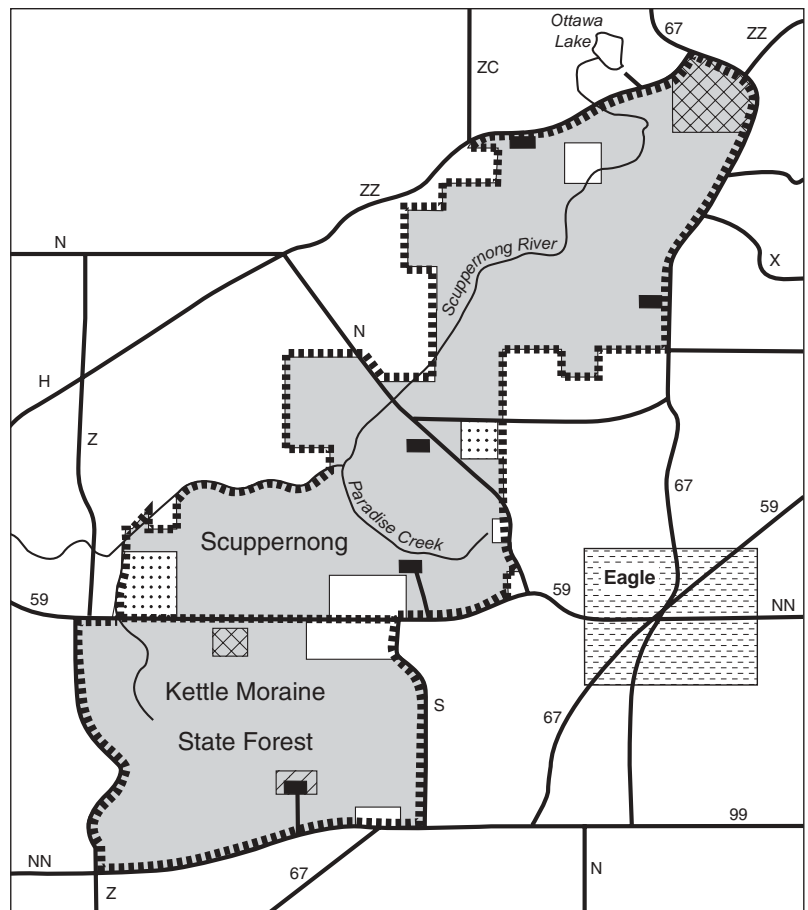
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### Pine River Public Hunting Grounds\*

Richland County (Permit)

*\*Note: Many of the annual public hunting leases were not renewed this year. Please be aware of signs which identify areas open to public pheasant hunting.*



### Scuppernong

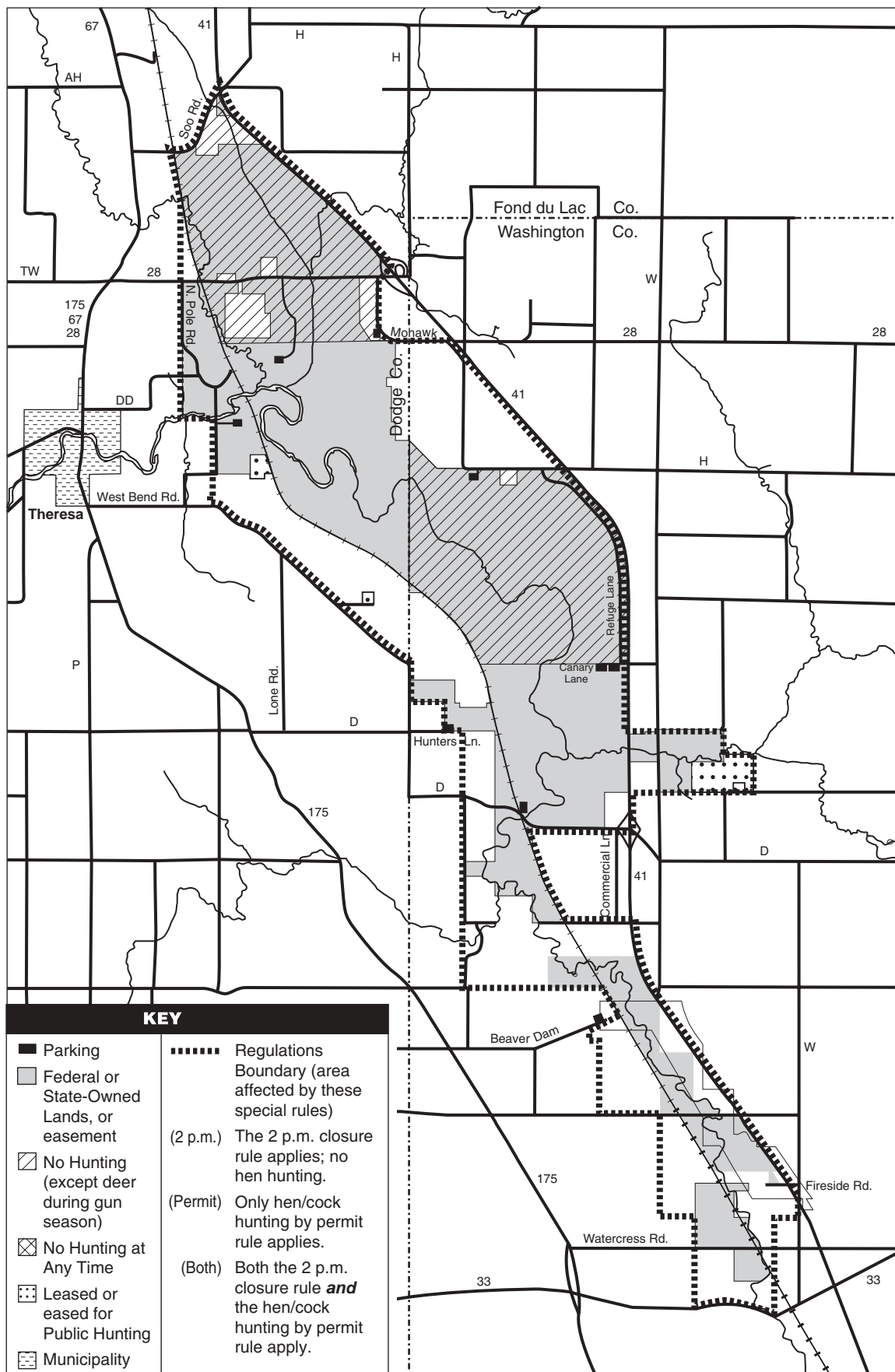
Waukesha County

(Both)

### Kettle Moraine State Forest

Waukesha County

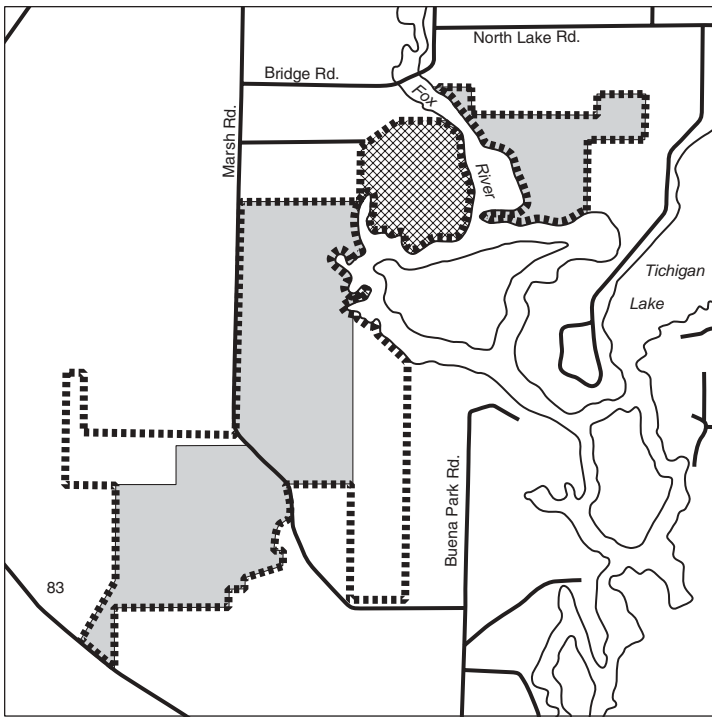
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**Theresa Wildlife Area**  
Dodge and Washington Counties  
*Pheasant Stamp required*

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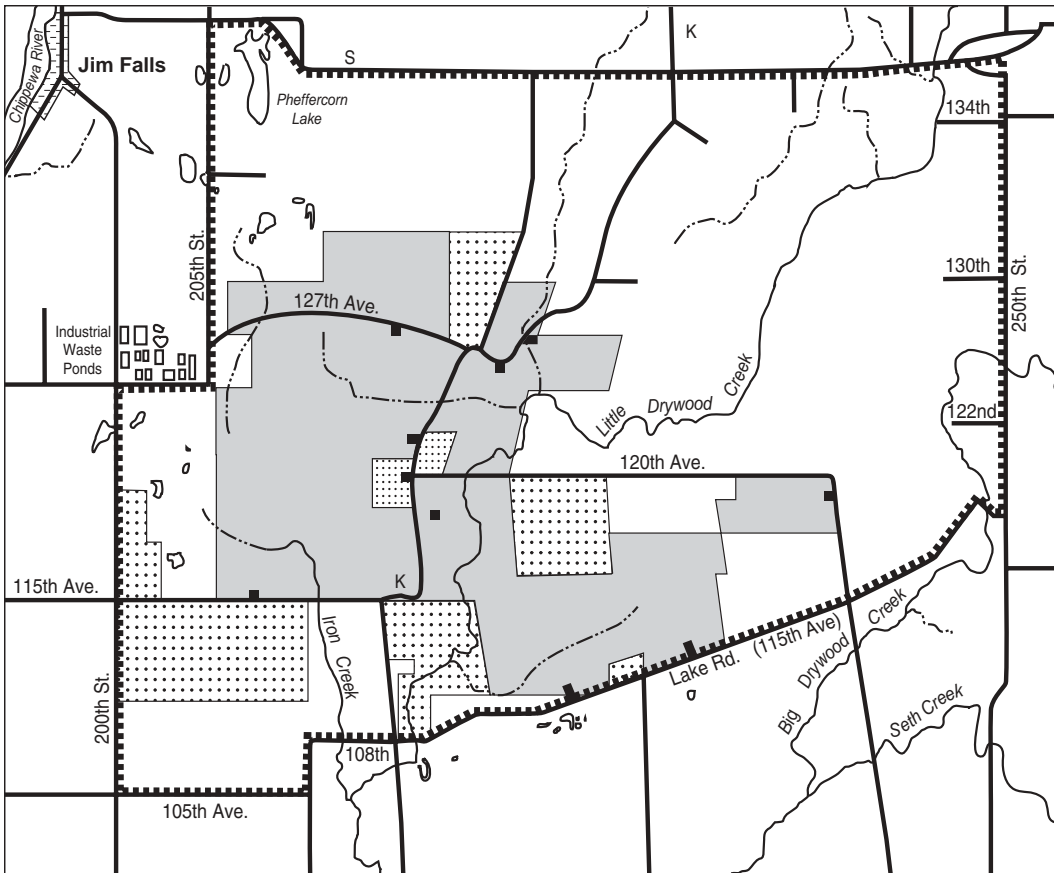
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| ▦ Municipality                               |   |

### Tichigan Wildlife Area

Racine County

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*Pheasant stamp required*



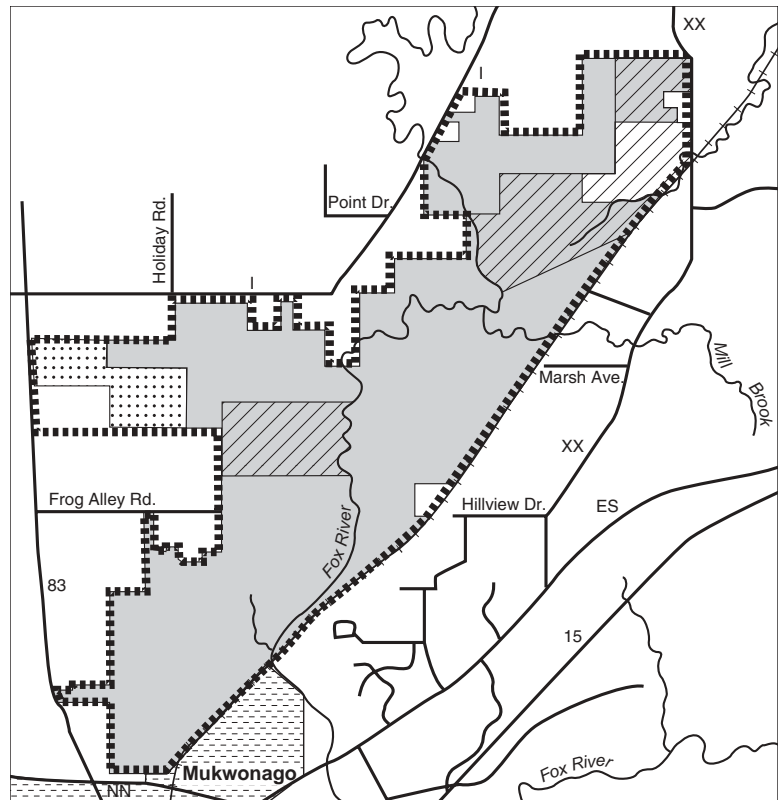
### Tom Lawin Wildlife Area (formerly Jim Falls Wildlife Area)

Chippewa County

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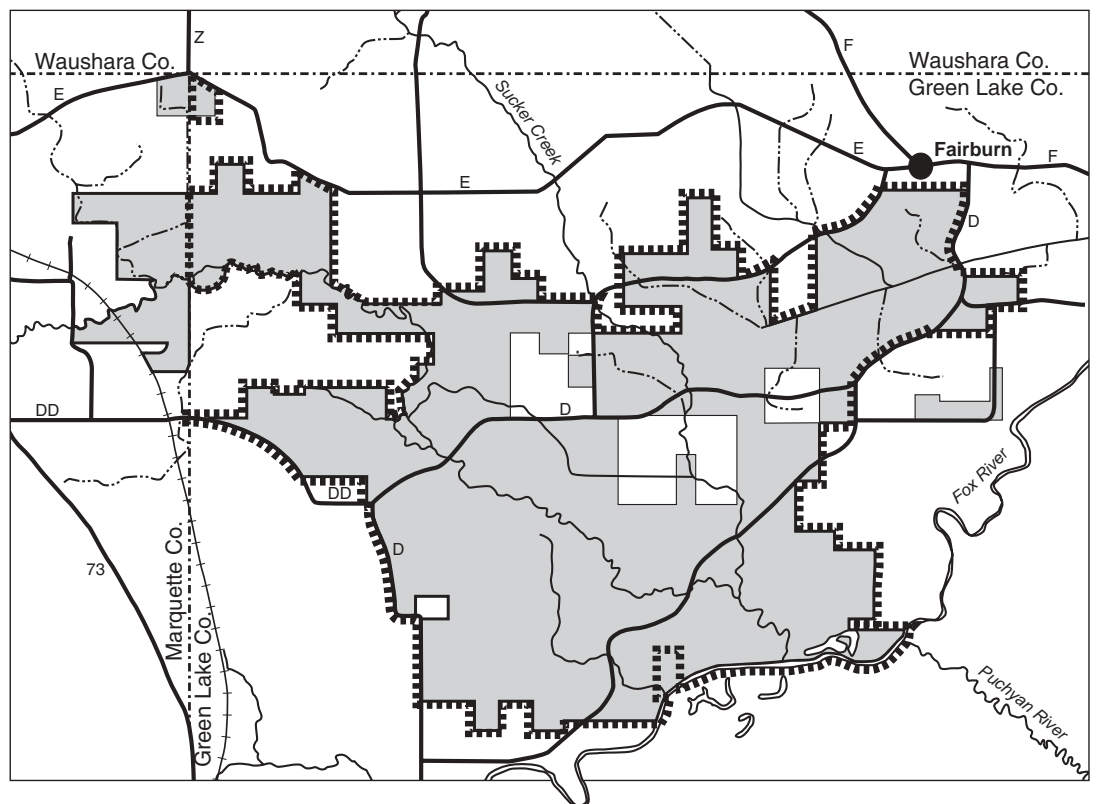
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Keep your hunting grounds litter free by picking up trash before you leave.



**Vernon Wildlife Area**  
Waukesha County

(Both)



**White River Wildlife Area**  
Green Lake and Marquette Counties  
*Pheasant stamp required*

(2 P.M.)

# Other Public Grounds DNR May Stock with Pheasants in 2003

**Normal statewide pheasant hunting regulations apply**

| County      | Wildlife Area   | Pheasant Stamp Required |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Calumet     | Brillion        | ✓                       |
| Columbia    | French Creek    | ✓                       |
|             | Mud Lake        | ✓                       |
|             | Pine Island     | ✓                       |
| Crawford    | Bell Center     |                         |
| Dane        | Badfish Creek   | ✓                       |
|             | Deansville      | ✓                       |
|             | Lodi Marsh      | ✓                       |
| Dodge       | Shaw Marsh      | ✓                       |
| Fond du Lac | Mullet Creek    | ✓                       |
| Green       | Albany          | ✓                       |
|             | Browntown       | ✓                       |
|             | Liberty Creek   | ✓                       |
| Jackson     | Northfield Lake |                         |
|             | S. Beaver Creek |                         |
| Jefferson   | Jefferson Marsh | ✓                       |
|             | Lake Mills      | ✓                       |
|             | Prince's Point  | ✓❖                      |
|             | Rome Pond       | ✓❖                      |
|             | Waterloo        | ✓                       |

| County    | Wildlife Area     | Pheasant Stamp Required |
|-----------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Lafayette | Yellowstone       | ✓                       |
| Marathon  | McMillan          |                         |
| Racine    | Honey Creek       | ✓                       |
| Rock      | Avon              | ✓                       |
|           | Evansville        | ✓                       |
|           | Footville         | ✓                       |
|           | Lima              | ✓                       |
|           | Storr's Lake      | ✓                       |
| Sheboygan | Adell             | ✓                       |
|           | Kettle Moraine N. | ✓                       |
| Walworth  | Clover Valley     | ✓                       |
|           | Kettle Moraine    | ✓                       |
|           | Troy              | ✓                       |
| Winnebago | Deppe             | ✓                       |

❖ These properties have an experimental 2:00 P.M. pheasant hunting closure time every Friday from October 18–November 28.

## DNR Service Centers

**Office hours may vary by location. Please call ahead.**

**South Central Region (Madison)**.....608-275-3266  
Dodgeville.....608-935-3368  
Horicon.....920-387-7860  
Janesville.....608-743-4800  
Poynette.....608-635-8110

**Southeast Region (Milwaukee)**.....414-263-8500  
Plymouth.....920-892-8756  
Sturtevant.....262-884-2300  
Waukesha.....262-574-2100

**West Central Region (Eau Claire)**.....715-839-3700  
Baldwin.....715-684-2914  
Black River Falls.....715-284-1400  
La Crosse.....608-785-9000  
Wausau.....715-359-4522  
Wisconsin Rapids.....715-421-7800

**Northern Region**  
Antigo.....715-627-4317  
Ashland.....715-685-2900  
Cumberland.....715-822-3590  
Hayward.....715-634-2688  
Ladysmith.....715-532-3911  
Park Falls.....715-762-3204  
Rhineland.....715-365-8900  
Superior.....715-392-7988  
Spooner.....715-635-2101  
Woodruff.....715-356-5211

**Northeast Region (Green Bay)**.....920-492-5800  
Oshkosh.....920-424-3050  
Peshtigo.....715-582-5000  
Sturgeon Bay.....920-746-2860  
Wautoma.....920-787-4686